PADDY PURCHASED FROM CHITTUR—DETAILS OF

41. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total amount of paddy so far purchased from Chittur by the Special Officer appointed for the purpose;

(*b*) the rates at which the paddy referred to in clause (*a*) was purchased;

(*c*) the prevailing market rate for paddy at Chittur at the time when the paddy was purchased by the Special Officer;

(*d*) whether Government is aware that at a slightly higher rate, paddy would have been available in larger quantities at Chittur?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*:

(*a*) 135 paras. The person entrusted with this work was called Government agent and not a Special Officer.

(*b*) Rs. 42 per cartload of 70 paras.

(*c*) The market had not established itself as it was the time of harvest.

(*d*) It is not likely that paddy in larger quantities would have been offered for sale by the producers even "at a slightly higher rate", as the weather cleared enabling them to dry and store their paddy.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Had the Government to spend anything?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: What was the amount?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Who was appointed Government agent?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: One Mr. A. P. Menon.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: May I know the period within which the 135 paras were purchased?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: Two months.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Only 135 paras within two months?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: That was the quantity that was available for sale.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: May I know whether the Government has actually examined the reason for the paddy not coming to be sold?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: The reason has been examined. That is stated in sub-division (*d*).

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Did not the Government think it advisable to increase the price of paddy then?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Why not?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: This is not dried paddy. This is paddy brought straightaway from the fields and a good portion of this quantity will be lost by drying, and the loss, the Government will have to suffer on that account could not be estimated at that stage. This is a new experiment, even the people had no experience. Before this, this paddy was being exported to places outside Chittur Taluk.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: The answer says that paddy was dried by that time.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: They did not sell us. The reason for appointing the agent was this. They told us that on account of the export of the paddy having been prohibited, their paddy will be damaged and they will be put to loss. The Government said 'We will purchase it'. We were there to purchase the paddy straightaway from the fields. But when the time came for harvesting, the sky cleared up and their difficulties disappeared. They did not want to sell either to us or to anybody else.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Am I to take it that this special officer was appointed only for the purpose of purchasing that particular type of paddy at that particular period?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Is the officer continuing now?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: Not at all.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: എജന്റ് നെല്ല് വാങ്ങുന്നില്ലെന്ന് അഭിപ്രായം കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: ഓർമ്മയില്ല.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Was this officer given any commission or pay?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* No pay has been given.
Mr. President: That question does not arise.

CATHOLIC MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION—RESOLUTIONS PASSED

42. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention was drawn to the several resolutions passed at the meeting of the Catholic Managers' Association held at Ernakulam on 9th September 1942;

(*b*) what action was taken in respect of each of the resolutions?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

FOREST AND TRAMWAY DEPARTMENTS

43. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:

താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമൊ.—

(എ) Tramway Department, Forest Department ഇവ പ്രത്യേകം Departmentകളായിട്ടല്ലെ നടത്തിയിരുന്നതു്;

(ബി) എത്രകാലം അങ്ങിനെ നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(സി) Forest Tramway Department തുടങ്ങിയിട്ട എത്രകൊല്ലമായിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(ഡി) ഏതെങ്കിലുംകാലം അതു ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടായി നടന്നിട്ടുണ്ടൊ;

(ഇ) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്രകാലം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്; അതു ഏതുകൊല്ലത്തിലാണു്; അന്നത്തെ ഭരണം നടത്തിയിരുന്നതു് ആരാണു്;

(എഫ്) Forest Department, Tramway Department സംയോജിപ്പിച്ചു Conservator അവർകളുടെ കീഴിൽ നടത്തീട്ടുള്ളതു ഏതേതു കാലങ്ങളിൽ;

(ജി) Tramway Department ലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്ക pension കൊടുത്തുവരാറുണ്ടൊ; ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ എന്തുകൊണ്ടു്; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്നു മുതൽ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ:

(എ) അതെ.

(ബി) ൧൦൫൬ മീനം ൧-ാംന- മുതൽ ൧൧൫൬ കുംഭം ൨൯-ാംന- വരെ.

(സി) ൫ ൪ കൊല്ലം.

(ഡി) ഉണ്ടു്.

(ഇ) ൫൦ കൊല്ലം. ൧൦൫൬ മീനം ൧-ാംന- മുതൽ ൧൧൫൬ കുംഭം ൨൯-ാംന- വരെ. മിസ്റ്റർ ഗ്രബ്ബു്, മിസ്റ്റർ റൈറ്റ്, മിസ്റ്റർ ഇ. സി. കിങ്ങു് എന്നിവർ.

(എഫ്) ൧൦൫൬ മീനം ൧-ാംന- വരേയും ൧൧൫൬ കുംഭം ൨൯-ാംന- മുതൽ ഇതെവരേയും.

(ജി) ടാംവെ ഇഞ്ചിനീയർക്കും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അസ്സിസ്റ്റന്റുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്കും (ഫുമസ്ഥന്മാർ, ൧ ഡ്രാഫ്ടുസ്മേൻ ൪ ശിപായിമാർ) മാത്രം പെൻഷ്യൻ ആദ്യകാലം മുതൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. ബാക്കി സ്ഥിരം ജോലിക്കാർക്ക കോൺട്രിബ്യൂട്ടറി പ്രൊവിഡൻഫണ്ടു് രൂൾസ്സു അനുസരിച്ചു റെയിൽവെകളിൽ ചെയ്യുന്നപോലെ ഉറപ്പിക്കുക (ശമ്പളത്തിന്റെ) ഒരണവീതം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടാണു് ഇവർക്ക പെൻഷൻ കൊടുക്കാത്തതു്.

SWEET TODDY TAPPING—LICENSING OF

44. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have noted the article writtten by Mr. K. R. Achyutan, M.A., B.L., M.L.C., Member for Trichur Ezhuvas in the "Sahodaran", dated 24th October 1942 on page 6 and the editorial comments thereon both in the "Sahodaran" of the same date and in the "Malabar Mail", dated 28th October 1942;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government be pleased to intimate the House whether they are going to change the policy of licensing of sweet toddy tapping and bring the same to the British Indian model?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. As a temporary measure.

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